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8. MATTERS CAME TO HEAD IN FINAL WEEK OF MAY, WHEN LEADERS OF VARIOUS FACTIONS WERE SUMMONED TO RAWALPINDI TO MEET WITH BHUTTO. IN THE MEANTIME, KASHMIR IMBROGLIO HAD BEEN RAISED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT OF GOP WHICH ASSUMED, PROBABLY CORRECTLY, THAT DIRTY LINEN BEING AIRED WOULD BE GLEEFULLY EXPLOITED BY INDIA.

9. ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF ANY AGREEMENT REACHED AS RESULT BHUTTO' S INTERVENTION HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, KASHMIR PRESIDENT QAYYUM TOLD PRESS MAY 31 HE WAS PREPARED TO QUIT HIS OFFICE SHOULD A NO- CONFIDENCE RESOLUTION BE PASSED. HE DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH BHUTTO AS " VERY CORDIAL", BUT SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT PEOPLES' PARTY SHOULD BE BANNED IN KASHMIR ALONG WITH JAMAAT- I- ISLAMI. HE WAS ALSO HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ROLE OF CENTRAL KASHMIR AFFAIRS MINISTER QAIYUM IN ATTEMPTIING TO UNDERMINE KASHMIR GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT BHUTTO HAD ASSURED HIM DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN AZAD KASHMIR WOULD BE PERMITTED TO FUNCTION.

10 GOP FELT COMPELLED SAME DAY TO ISSUE STATEMENT

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ASSERTING THAT BHUTTO HAD INTERVENED IN AZAD KASHMIR AFFAIRS SOLEY BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN THAT CONDITIONS WERE DETERIORATING. STATEMENT REITERATED GOP COMMITMENT TO UNCIP RESOLUTIONS AND SAID IT WELCOMED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN AZAD KASHMIR, BUT WARNED THAT GOP WOULD NOT PROTECT ANY REGIME GUILTY OF MALADMINISTRATION OR OF CAUSING DISUNITY. LIBERATION FRONT LEADER KURSHI HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 1 IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR RE- DEFINITION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AZAD KASHMIR AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND WENT ON TO ACCUSE SARDAR QAYYUM OF GROSS CORRUPTION AND NEPOTISM.

11. COMMENT: OBSERVERS IN ISLAMABAD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FATHOM GOP/ PEOPLES' PARTY EFFORTS TO DISLODGE QAYYUM GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME, GIVEN EXISTING POLITICAL PROBLEM IN BALUCHISTAN, PEOPLES' PARTY INTERNAL DISPUTES, AND SENSITIVITY OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO KASHMIR. BHUTTO MAY BE UNHAPPY AT MANNER IN WHICH SARDAR QAYYUM HAS USED WIDE POWERS GRANTED HIS GOVERNMENT BY 1970 KASHMIR CONSTITUTION TO RESIST DIRECTION FROM ISLAMABAD, AND DECIDED TO REMOVE HIM OR AT LEAST CUT HIM DOWN TO SIZE. ALTERNATELY, MOVES AGAINST QAYYUM GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY BHUTTO'S OVER- EAGER AIDES, WITH BHUTTO FORCED TO INTERVENE PERSONALLY WHEN THEIR ACTIVITIES BECAME PUBLIC. JOURNALISTS ARE SAYING, HOWEVER, THAT INTERIOR AND KASHMIR AFFAIRS MINISTER QAIYUM KHAN IS GROUSING THAT BHUTTO INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET RID OF KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, BUT BACKTRACKED WHEN AFFAIR BECAME HIGHLY PUBLIC, LEAVING MINISTER TO TAKE THE BLAME. ALTHOUGH IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER QAYYUM GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE, AIRING OF VARIOUS GOP MANEUVERS AGAINST HIS POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARRASSED BHUTTO DOMESTICALLY AND COULD PROVIDE USEFUL PROPAGANDA TOOL TO INDIA AS WELL AS TO HIS DOMESTIC OPPONENTS.

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